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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

RE: Site Inspection, Rock-It Stone Works, Strawberry River Quarry, S/013/008, Duchesne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 20, 2002
Time of Inspection: 6:50 to 7:05 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 70's
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The Division had received a report from an official with Duchesne County that the operator was blasting. I wanted to see if there was evidence of blasting and, if there was, to see if the operator had posted appropriate signs along the road since this operation is immediately adjacent to a county road.

Getting to the site:

Reports for previous inspections discuss how to get to the site. It is a few miles east of the Strawberry Pinnacles along the Strawberry River.

Observations:

I saw no drilling equipment, powder magazine, drill holes in the rock, or anything else indicating the operator has been blasting.

In addition to the equipment previously observed at the site, there was also a rock splitter (guillotine). There were a lot more pallets on site than there had been when I last visited this site.

There was an inoperable trackhoe on the south side of the road, and during the last inspection, I spoke with the operator about removing it. It was my understanding that the trackhoe would be removed shortly, but it was still present.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The notice of intention does not include disturbed area on the south side of the road, so the operator needs to either remove the old trackhoe or park it on the north side of the road.

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cc: Shannon Peatross, Rock-It Stoneworks
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